

Community Workshop #2

City of Liberty Lake

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan

Focus Group findings and Public Comment (where applicable) by Category:

1. Trails and Trail Systems

a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges

i. Trails Loops/Connections

1. Unify existing trail systems by adding a trail section from Molter to L.L. Rd. along Sprague.
 - a. Challenge: ROW concerns
2. Public trail looping around lake
 - a. Challenge: private property between trail system and County Park trails
 - b. Challenge: Improvements needed along roadway to make connection along east side of lake – poor visibility in places
3. Include Legacy Ridge trail loop – great views
 - a. Challenge: private property
4. Approach to I-90 pedestrian bridge
 - a. Challenge: Crosswalks over on-ramp and off-ramp
 - i. Tunnel under on-ramp instead of crosswalk?

ii. Better signage, i.e., trail system maps, etc.

iii. Addition of trees, benches, and garbage cans throughout system.

iv. Country Vista makes better entry statement than does Appleway – works with town square concept (on L.L. Rd, between Safeway and Albertson's).

b. Individual Public Comment

- i. I love the trails and really want to see them completed.
- ii. Trail proposal for hikers, bicycling, and equestrian linking S. Molter to L.L. County Park. Possible trailhead parking on Molter at the 2000 block.
- iii. Continue trail past Inlet, up Garry, to Molter. Existing trail off Molter crosses Pete Shank's property, continues through various properties, and into county park trails.
- iv. Pete Shank (Trailmarkers Horse Club member) has given permission to use trail; links west side of lake to County Park.

2. Parks (Neighborhood, Public/Community, and Regional)**a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges****i. Future community parks****1. Rocky Hill**

- a. Natural amphitheater
- b. Plays
- c. Tennis

i. Challenge: location**2. McKenzie Bay as public lake access**

- a. Challenge: Private property
- b. Challenge: conflict with beach at County Park

3. Programming unique uses to compliment Pavillion Park

- a. Community build, i.e., Fort Sherman in Cd'A

4. Develop Historic/interpretive information**5. Tennis courts****6. Public Swimming Pool/Wading Pool (Aquatic Center)**

- a. challenge: cost of ongoing maintenance
- b. challenge: liability
- c. challenge:

7. Public swimming beach

- a. challenge: location that doesn't directly compete w/ County Park beach
- b. challenge: private property

8. Swing sets

- a. challenge: liability

9. Adjacent to river

- a. Connect to Centennial Trail

i. challenge: private property**ii. Work with neighboring jurisdictions****iii. New school cooperative agreement****1. Shared tennis courts/soccer field**

- a. challenge: negotiations with school district

iv. Pavillion Park**1. Improve entry****2. Upgrade restrooms****3. Replace sand volleyball**

- a. Challenge: does it still have community interest?

i. FOPP wants to run a tournament this summer to test**4. Replace horse pit with storage**

- a. Challenge: provision of horseshoe pit elsewhere?

5. Historical information kiosk

- 6. Dog-free areas
- v. Programming community parks
 - 1. Something unique to complement rather than compete with each other.
- vi. Dog Park
- vii. Sledding
 - 1. Trailhead golf course
 - 2. small hill adjacent to Pavillion Park
- viii. Botanical/Gardens Park
 - 1. Challenge: maintenance
- ix. Walkable parks
 - 1. within ¼ mile
- x. Convert one of the county golf courses to park land
 - 1. challenge: economic viability

3. Sports Facilities

- a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges
 - i. L.L. fitness club
 - 1. challenge: limited hours, not family-friendly
 - 2. challenge: pool not kid-friendly
 - ii. Active sports complex
 - 1. Multi-jurisdictional, Indoor/outdoor
 - a. Challenge: location
 - i. Sports USA
 - 1. Challenge: not central to city
 - ii. Sports World
 - 1. Challenge: private property
 - 2. Challenge: bank lease (100 yr.)
 - b. Challenge: long-term maintenance
 - iii. Skate park
 - 1. Matching funds was available
 - 2. Land adjacent to Five Fingers was offered
 - 3. Challenge: noise
 - iv. Tennis Facility
 - 1. Challenge: population vs. value
 - 2. Challenge: location
 - 3. Possibly covered without enclosure
- b. Individual Public Comment
 - i. Groom cross-country ski trails when there is enough snow in winter.
 - ii. Public ice skating would be nice

4. Open Space

- a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges
 - i. Area along outlet channel trail
 - 1. historic/interpretive
 - ii. Adjacent to Spokane River
 - 1. challenge: outside city
 - 2. Challenge: watershed protection vs. development
 - iii. City purchase admissions to County Park
 - iv. Conversion of one county golf course to open space
 - 1. challenge: economic viability
 - v. Preserve eastern/southern views/wildlife habitat
 - 1. Conservation futures, annex, purchase agreements
 - a. Challenge: scenic/watershed protection vs. development
 - vi. Lake and river access
 - 1. Challenge: private property and development
 - 2. Boat Launch
 - a. Challenge: limited access (timeframe)
 - vii. Non-motorized lake
- b. Individual Public Comment
 - i. City to look into more open space preservation techniques for outside city
 - 1. open space fund
 - 2. purchase conservation land, lake access, river access
 - ii. reimbursement for county park passes
 - iii. The burden of providing public parks and open space should not fall on individual property owners
 - iv. Preservation is important, but we have to realize where there it's already disturbed along existing trails and do some "re-naturalizing".